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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2074

public safety employees; omnibus

Purpose

Expands eligibility for the Firefighter, Peace Officer and Corrections Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program and grants qualified immunity to public entities and employees for any liability resulting from an injury caused by a peace officer providing emergency care.

Background

The Firefighter, Peace Officer and Corrections Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program provides health benefits to help cover expenses incurred in the treatment of cancer. Firefighters, peace officers, detention and corrections officers who are employed by or are retired from a participating employer are eligible for benefits. The program is administered by the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and pursuant to statute may be insured through a third party or self-insured. Employers of firefighters and peace officers are required to participate and pay into the program on behalf of their employees while employers of corrections and detention officers are not required to participate or contribute to the program (A.R.S. Title 38, Chapter 4, Article 3).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

Cancer Insurance Policy Program

1. Allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish a voluntary cancer insurance program for its civilian employees.
2. Requires DPS to collect premiums from participating employees and submit the payments to the Board of PSPRS, if DPS chooses to establish a voluntary program.
3. Allows a DPS civilian employee to participate in any voluntary cancer insurance program DPS may establish if the employee pays their own premium.
4. Prohibits DPS from contributing to any voluntary cancer insurance program it may establish.

Qualified Immunity

5. Grants qualified immunity to public entities and their employees for any liability resulting from an injury caused by a peace officer providing emergency care at the scene of an emergency, unless the officer intended to cause injury or was grossly negligent.

Miscellaneous

6. Changes the name of the Firefighter, Peace Officer and Corrections Officer Cancer Insurance Policy Program to the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program.
7. Makes technical and conforming changes.
8. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Clarifies that *any* DPS civilian employee may participate in a voluntary cancer insurance program established by DPS, instead of only corrections and detention officers.

Revision

- Clarifies that DPS may establish a *voluntary* program to collect and submit premium payments for its *civilian* employees so they may participate in the cancer insurance program.

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